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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Negotiation Staff Work  
on U.S.-Soviet Docking Mission

NASA-Soviet Academy discussions have been approved, probably beginning April 4 in Moscow, to assure that the Soviet side understands and accepts the principles of organization, management, scheduling, and operation which are required if the President is to have a viable option for a joint announcement in May on a space docking mission.

To make certain that there is in fact an understanding on such principles, NASA believes the April 4th meeting should end with the two sides initialing a statement of the principles which would apply if the project is eventually given a go-ahead. The statement would refer to and attach several entirely technical and managerial draft documents as exemplifying the kind and level of detail which the parties agree must be developed jointly by them. (The attached draft indicates the sort of statement which would be initialed.)

An agreement on principles would not constitute an agreement to conduct a mission nor would it commit the President in any way. There is adequate precedent for such an initialed agreement inasmuch as there are now three sets of agreed documents on the rendezvous and docking subject since October 1970. (A joint working group is meeting in Houston this week on technical

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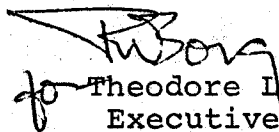
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questions of docking mechanisms; it will sign a fourth set of technical recommendations which will not be made public until after confirmation around June 1 by NASA and Soviet Academy principals.)

Approval has previously been requested for the NASA delegation to Moscow to be headed by the Deputy Administrator, Dr. George Low. It is recommended that the delegation be authorized to initial a statement of principles such as is described above.

  
for Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft Principles

*by CWK*  
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